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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—Sawtooth, QUINCH & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HEDGE & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Manila, O. HEINEMAN & Co., Macao, L. A. DA GRACA.

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

## COUNT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HORPITZ, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASCOON, Esq. E. R. BELLING, Esq. WILHELM REINER, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq. ED. TOSIN, Esq. Hon. W. KERSWICK, Esq. A. MCALISTER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. Thomas JACKSON, Esq. Manager.

Shanghai, E. WEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

### INTEREST ALLOWED.

No Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000. RESERVE FUND, £110,000.

## BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD and Mr M. W. GREEN, are authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Procurator at Foochow, and Mr F. F. ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, June 1, 1877.

### NOTICE.

M. R. EDWARD BURNETT will conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Office, and Lloyd's Register of Shipping, 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877.

### NOTICE.

B Y Mutual Consent, the Firm of F. FREERKS, RODATZ & Co. has been DISSOLVED on This Day.

R. FREERKS,

G. C. F. RODATZ,

Hongkong, June 30, 1877.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, Establishing themselves This Day as SHIPCHANDLERS and GENERAL STORKEEPEERS under the Style and Firm of RODATZ & Co., have taken over the Business of the late Firm of FRAZER, RODATZ & Co.

G. C. F. RODATZ,

C. KOCH,

Hongkong, July 2, 1877.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

M R. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to Sign our Firm per Procurator.

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, June 23, 1877.

### NOTICE.

M R. D. MOSS and Mr H. JOHNSTON have This Day been ADMITTED PARTNERS in the Firm of THOS. HOWARD & Co., Merchants, London and Hongkong.

THOS. HOWARD & Co.

Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been Appointed AGENT at this Port for the POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

W. H. NOTLEY.

Hongkong, June 6, 1877.

### AUCTIONS.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Mr J. McDONALD, to sell by Public Auction, on

### TUESDAY,

the 24th day of July, 1877, at 11 o'clock a.m., at the West Point Patent Slip.—

The whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE, comprising:—

1 Large Self-acting Circular Saw, with Planing Machine attached; Macdouall & Co., makers.

1 General Joiner, with Tools; Macdouall & Co., makers.

1 Saw Sharpener.

1 Shaving and Pulleys.

1 Treemall Turning Machine, Hydraulic Pumps. Jack Screws.

1 Diving Dress.

Rubber and Rubber Belting.

Felt. Bellows. Drills.

Assorted Iron (Govan Best).

Steel. Copper Plates. Yellow Metal Rods. Tubes. Taps and Dies. Anvils.

Assorted Chains. Blacksmiths' Tools. Moulding Sand.

3 Crab Winches.

&c. &c. &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 11, 1877.

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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from W. H. MOSSOP, Esq., Marshal of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Hongkong, to sell by Public Auction, on

### THURSDAY,

the 26th day of July, 1877, at 11 o'clock a.m., at the Sales Rooms of the Under-signed,—

The American Bartinkine

"ROSINA."

Of 406 Tons Register or thereabouts, as she now lies in the Harbour of Hongkong, with Two Suits of Working SAILS, One Suit NEW SAILS, 1,500 superficial feet LUMBER, PROVISIONS, CHAINS, ANCHORS, BOATS, and all her Appurtenances.

The Vessel was Remasted and Repaired in NEW YORK, in December, 1874, and there classed "A1," for Four Years in American Lloyd's. She was again Remasted and Repaired at MELBOURNE, in November, 1876, at a Cost of about £1,000 and supplied with the New Suit of Sails referred to at a Cost of over £200, and was then certified by the Surveyor to the Merchant Shipping and Underwriters Association Limited, as being fit to carry Dry and Perishable Cargo to any part of the World. She carries 850 tons of Coal or 800 tons Light Cargo of 40 cubic feet, 8,000 piculs of Rice on 14 feet Draft. She is a fast Sailing Vessel, and is in Complete Order for Sea on the shortest notice.

She has Four BOW TIMBER PORTS, two in the Lower Hold 32 x 32 inches, and two in the Tween Decks 40 x 28 inches.

For further Particulars and Inventory, apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

The Vessel to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 15, 1877.

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## Insurances.

### THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO.

SUBSCRIBED Capital—Taels Two Million, in 1,000 shares of Taels 2,000 each. PAID UP CAPITAL—Taels Six Hundred Thousand, or Taels 600 per share.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.  
F. H. BELL, Esq. (Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co.)  
M. S. GIBBON, Esq. (Messrs David Sassoon,  
Sons & Co.)  
JAMES HART, Esq. (Messrs Turner & Co.)  
E. H. LAYER, Esq. (Messrs Gilman & Co.)  
HUGH SUTHERLAND, Esq. (Messrs John Foster  
& Co.)  
A. G. WOOD, Esq. (Messrs Gibb, Livingston  
& Co.)

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
Secretary—HERBERT S. MORRIS, Esq.  
BANKERS.—

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

BRANCHES.—

LONDON (25, Cornhill, E.C.), HONGKONG,  
YOKOHAMA.

AGENCIES.—

At the principal ports in the East and Australian Colonies.

## Intimations.

### DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

### RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL,

### SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS AND PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING CO., 80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets, NEW YORK, U.S.A.

THE UNION MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS of the above Company at HONGKONG and FOOCHOW, are prepared to accept Risks and Issue Policies by any First-Class Steamers, at current rates, Payable either here, in LONDON, in LIVERPOOL, or at the principal Ports of INDIA and the EAST.

BIRLEY & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 21, 1877.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eleventh Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

W. H. RAY, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

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CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A N Extraordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at 3.30 p.m., in order to take into consideration a Special Resolution to add a Regulation to the existing Articles of Association of the Company, authorizing the Company so far to modify the conditions contained in its Memorandum of Association, by subdivision of its existing Shares to divide its Capital into Shares of smaller amount than is fixed in its Memorandum of Association, in accordance with the provisions of Sections XX and XXI of "The Companies Ordinance 1877."

By Order,

W. H. RAY, Secretary.

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**Intimations.**  
W. BALL,  
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,  
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET  
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,  
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,  
Hongkong, July 13, 1877.

A THOROUGH CORRESPONDENT  
AND ARITHMETICIAN Desires an  
ENGAGEMENT.  
"Activity," care of this Office.  
Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,  
COAL MERCHANTS,  
Have always on hand for Sale every  
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.  
Mr AHYON has been appointed Manager,  
and all Orders addressed to him at 57,  
Praya, or to Mr FAT JACK, at 30, Hing  
Lung Street, will receive immediate  
attention.  
Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Dob contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:

MATCHLESS, American ship, Capt. John  
C. DAWES.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

LEADING WIND, American ship, Captain  
F. M. Hinckley.—Meyer & Co.

LOUIS, German 3-m. schooner, Captain  
H. Schellhorn.—E. Schellhorn & Co.

JATO, Russian ship, Capt. C. F. Moberg.—  
Order.

ANNIE S. HALL, American 3-m. schooner,  
Captain C. H. Nelson.—Douglas Lapraik  
& Co.

EXID, British bark, Captain Braithwaite.  
Arnhold, Karburg & Co.

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G.  
Cunningham.—Weller & Co.

#### To Let.

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THE Dwelling House and Office No. 1,  
D'Aguilar Street, lately in the occupa-  
tion of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
The Dwelling House No. 1, Alexandra  
Terrace.

The Dwelling House No. 6, Gough Street.  
The Dwelling House No. 10, Gough  
Street. Possession from 1st August next.  
The Bungalow No. 6, Shelley Street.  
The Bungalow No. 5, Old Bailey Street.  
Possession from 1st September next.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

#### TO LET.

HOUSE Nos. 8 and 9, Seymour Terrace,  
House No. 10, Albany Road, lately  
occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIDDE.  
"Bimini Villa," Pok-foo-lum, Furnished.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

#### TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.  
THE Upper Part of No. 62, PRAYA,  
either for OFFICES or GODOWN.  
Apply to

ROBERT MORE.  
Hongkong, July 5, 1877.

#### TO BE LET.

THE Premises No. 39, Queen's Road,  
late in the occupation of THE BORNEO  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Apply to

TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

#### WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese,  
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now  
ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

#### Notices to Consignees.

#### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. E. N. Co.'s S. S. NEPUEL AND  
MIRZAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-  
named Vessel, from London, Bombay  
and Intermediate Ports, and in connection  
with the Steamer HYDASPE from Cal-  
cutta, are hereby notified that their Goods  
are being landed and stored at their risk in  
the Company's Godowns, at West Point,  
whence delivery can be obtained from this  
date.

Goods not delivered by the 18th July  
will be subject to risk.

ADAM LIND,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, July 18, 1877.

BRITISH BARK ENID, FROM  
LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-  
named Vessel, from London, Bombay  
and Intermediate Ports, and in connection  
with the Steamer HYDASPE from Cal-  
cutta, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undesignated for countersignature, and to take im-  
mediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, July 7, 1877.

#### Notices to Consignees

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

#### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undesignated for counter-  
signature, and take immediate delivery.  
This cargo has been landed and stored at  
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.

Ex "Pei Ho,"  
J. G. No. 1, 1 case Books, { from Marseilles.  
Remedios & Co., }

C. F. G. No. 20, 1 case { do. do.  
Samples, Order, ... }

G. M. (in triangle) 59 bags { from Galle.  
Y. B. Ginger, Order, ... }

A-ribale Cotton, Order, do. do.

N (in diamond) 11 bales { from Saigon.  
Sundries, Son Ly, ... }

K Y. 6 pags. Sundries, { do. do.  
Gysontal, ... }

F T 15 pags. Medicine, { do. do.  
Hi Tai, ... }

Hongkong, July 14, 1877.

#### To-day's Advertisements.

##### FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamship  
"NINGPO,"  
Capt. R. CASS, Master, will be de-  
spatched for the above Port on  
TUESDAY, the 17th instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SEIMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, July 16, 1877.

##### FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW

The Steamship  
"DOUGLAS,"  
Capt. PRITMAN, will be de-  
spatched for the above Ports on  
WEDNESDAY, the 18th instant, at  
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, July 16, 1877.

##### PUBLIC AUCTION.

L. ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have re-  
ceived instructions to sell by  
Public Auction, (if not previously dis-  
posed of by Private Sale), on

SATURDAY,  
the 21st July, 1877, at Noon,—

THE WOOD PADDLE STEAMER  
"MINNA,"

as she now lies at East Point, opposite  
Messrs JARDINE, MATHEWS & Co.'s.

Built 1873, Length 63 feet, Beam  
9 feet, Mean Draft of Water 2½ feet,  
Fitted with Two High Pressure Geared  
Engines of 8 H. P. Nominal, Cylinders  
6 inches diameter, Stroke 10 inches, and  
Cross-Tubed Boiler, adapted to Burn  
Coal or Wood; Boiler, Engines, and  
Hull, in good order.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery  
in Mexican Dollars weighed on 7.1.7.  
The Lot with all faults and errors of  
description to be at purchasers' risk on  
the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,  
Auctioneers,  
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Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

#### SHIPPING.

##### ARRIVALS.

July 14, 10.30 p.m. YOTTUNG, British  
steamer, 286. N. W. Hawkins, Haiphong  
July 11, 12.30 p.m. General—KWON

LEE YUEN & Co.

July 15, ACTIA, British steamer, 751. W.  
E. Breeze, Saigon July 10, Rice.—P. & O.  
S. N. Co.

July 15, Ningpo, from Canton.

July 15, Wang-hen, Chinese gun-boat,  
from a cruise.

July 15, Patrocle, British steamer, 1650.  
W. Courtney, Liverpool May 29, via port  
of call, and Singapore July 9, General.

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

DEPARTURES.

July 15, Charlotte Andrews, for Quinhon.  
15, Mirzapore, for Shanghai.  
15, Malacca, for Yokohama.

15, Lotus, for Yokohama.

15, Hieronymus, for Chefoo.

15, Marie Louise (Ger. barque), for  
Bangkok.

15, B. M. Young, for Amoy.

15, Peneo, for Bangkok.

15, China, for Canton.

15, Wang-hai, Chinese g.b., for a  
cruise.

15, Chan Tung, Chl. g.b., for a cruise.

15, Viscount MacDuff, for N'chwang.

15, Mees, for Foochow.

15, Taiwan, for Amoy and Tamsui.

15, Elgin, for Samarang.

OCEANIC.

DEPARTED.

Per Foochow, for Haiphong.

Evening Star, for Lachitawra (Cochin  
China).

Chittamut, for Bangkok.

Rodrik Hay, for Tientsin.

Penru, for Manila.

Patrocle, for Shanghai.

Belled Will, for Shanghai.

Moro Castle, for Nagasaki.

PASSAGERS.

Arrived.

Per Foochow, from Liverpool, &c., Mr  
Donaldson for Shanghai, and 640 Chinese  
for Amoy.

Per YOTTUNG, from Haiphong, 1 Spanish  
Priest, and 8 Chinese.

Per Adria, from Saigon, 80 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Malacca, for Yokohama, Messrs

Bunting and Rayment.

Per Mirzapore, for Shanghai, Messrs

Lazarus, Joseph, and Jameson.

Per Penru, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese

## THE CHINA MAIL.

coins, and on the 14th inst. he heard of the defendant's arrival from Canton, and he watched his movements. He saw him tender the bad 20-cent pieces at the money-changer's and arrested him. The defendant had a handkerchief when arrested and it contained two bad dollars, also five 20-cent pieces, but whether they were also bad or not, witness could not say. Inspector Lindsay then took the defendant to the house, where the defendant was living, searched his box and found three more bad dollars. The sheriff at the Police Court gave evidence respecting the counterfeit character of the first 20 cent piece and of the five found in the defendant's handkerchief. They weighed the same as an ordinary good coin, but the inside was of copper. The five dollars were all base imitations, worth about 20 cents each.

## SAD CASE.

Millie De Courcy, described as a single woman, a native of Australia and 22 years of age, was brought up, charged with being drunk at the Frays. She had gone into the premises of a European Store and refused to go, so that she had to be removed by the Police. She was making a noise. Inspector Grey said the defendant was brought to the Station drunk on Saturday noon, and he kept her in the Witness room. She was in custody all the time. She was sent to the Colony from Shanghai about a fortnight ago, and Inspector Grimes took her to the Italian Convent. She got leave to go out from the Convent and returned drunk. Inspector Grey believed she was troublesome to the Sisters. She was very quiet at the station; she had no place to go to. The defendant stated she was living with Miss Huntly. She did not want to go to the Convent. Recommended till the 18th inst.

**THE SUGAR REFINERY SHAMMING CASE.**  
Chan Ashing, a coolie employed at the Sugar Refinery, was brought up for going into the room of Mr Brizel, foreman of the Melting Department at the Sugar Works, with intent to steal therefrom. Defendant's action, it may be remembered, was the cause of a rumour that a death had been caused at the Sugar Refinery, by pretending to be dying from a blow which he alleged had been given him by the complainant on the stomach, but the investigation revealed the fact that the defendant was only shamming, in order to avoid the consequences of being found in a room at night with intent to commit a felony. When P. C. Shaw went to the premises, he saw the defendant lying down apparently dead, and unable to speak. Inspector Rivers then sent him to Hospital in an ambulance, as he could not get him to speak at all. Witness examined Mr Brizel's room, and saw distinct marks of foot print on the window sill. Dr Adams said that about 11.30 p.m. on the 13th, he happened to be near the scene of the disturbance. He was called in by Mr Dickie to see the defendant, who was lying with his back against a wall, and the bystanders, friends of the man, stated he was either dead or dying. Witness examined the man and found his temperature normal, pulse 70 and pupils acting to the light, and considered that the man was neither dead nor dying, but was merely shamming. He said so at the time, and advised the man's being given into custody. Mr Brizel said he was sleeping in his room when he heard something unusual in the room. He looked and saw the form of a man. He jumped up and called out "what do you want there?" as he was getting out of his bed the man jumped out through the window. Witness called out "thief, thief" and ran after him. He did not touch the man at all; he had no chance, when he saw him again, he was in the custody of a watchman. He was searched for a weapon but none was found on him. He then laid on the ground, and meantime several of his friends came up and said the man was dying. Nobody did anything to him either with his hands or feet, witness was quite sure of this. After other corroborative evidence, the defendant made his defence, denying that he was even in Mr Brizel's room. A witness was called for the defence, but his Worship said he did not believe a word of what he said. This was a lying case, and there was no doubt that the defendant went into the room with intent to steal, and when he was discovered he jumped through the window, and then pretended to be in a dying state. There was no doubt that the defendant was only shamming, as Dr Adams was fortunately near the spot so soon, and he found the man's pulse regular. This fact was confirmed by the circumstance of the man's immediate discharge from Hospital. His Worship would now convict him of being found in a house by night with intent to commit a felony, and would send him to three months' hard labour.

## EXTORTION BY COLOUR OF OFFICE.

L. Achun, P. C. No. 281, and Ow Alan, No. 282 were charged before the Magistrate with extorting money from certain Chinese. A report was made to Capt. Creagh that the defendants had gone to No. 88 Nullah Street and demanded 200 cash from the inmates thereof as a black-mail, and they were ordered to be charged before the Magistrate. Remanded till the 17th.

SUPREME COURT.  
IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice,  
Sir John Smale, with a Special Jury.)

July 16, 1877.

## A CLAIM ON A BUILDING CONTRACT.

Tat Afut v. G. U. Sowis, \$1,300. This was a claim on a contract for the erection of a seawall and the reclamation of a piece of land at the defendant's Patent Slip at Belcher's Bay, West Point. The contract sum was \$1,400, and of this sum \$700 had been paid, leaving a balance of \$700, the rest of the claim being made up by a claim for extra work, making in all \$1,300. The defendant contended that the work was badly executed, and was of no use whatever to him, and that the plaintiff was liable to a penalty of \$10 for every day the work had been delayed. There was also a set-off of \$50.00 for stores supplied to the plaintiff.

Mr Hayllar, Q.C., instructed by Mr Beresford, appeared for the plaintiff, and

The Hon. the Attorney General, Mr George Phillips, instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Tolson and Johnson, appeared for the defense.

The following Special Jury was empanelled:—Messrs. A. G. Romano, A. Newson, T. G. Williamson, F. D. Sisson, W. H. Forbes, Charles Karp, and E. E. Belliss.

Mr Hayllar opened the case for the plaintiff by reading from the pleadings and concluded by a quotation of legal authorities. He said there had been an attempt to refer the matter to arbitration, but this was declined by the defendant. It was also sought to bring the case within the limits of the summary jurisdiction by the plaintiff giving up the excess over \$1,000, but his Lordship had suggested that the case had better take its course, the other side objecting, hence its appearance in Court in this form. Evidence was then called. Tat Afut, the plaintiff, was called. He made a contract with Captain Sande to build a seawall. Mr Baile directed the work; it was marked out by him by sticks. During the construction of that wall, Mr Baile and Mr Edwards looked after the work all day, they lived there. He was going to build the wall straight upwards, but Mr Edwards directed him to build it to a slope of 1 in 10 to every foot facing the sea. The back of the wall was to be 10 feet at the bottom and 3 feet at the top. He followed these directions. Rubble stones were on the bottom and granites at the top. He did so at Mr Baile's request. The granites were brought over from Kowloon quarries, some from Junko. He got some from the defendant, over 30 pieces. When he was signing the contract Mr Baile and Mr Edwards told him that there were some stones on the premises which he might use. Nothing was said about his having to pay for these stones; he understood he was to have them without payment. He had never understood that he had to pay \$60.00. If he had known he had to pay for those stones he would have bought them from the junks. He had bought over ten junk loads of stones for the top stones. He brought some boulders at the request of Mr Edwards and Mr Baile, but he had not claimed anything for them. Mr Edwards spoke always to the foreman of the work and to the plaintiff in reference to the work, and alterations were then made and shown to him. The plaintiff got the rubble by bargaining with junks for supplying them. No complaint was made about the rubble. Mr Edwards measured the base of the wall. No complaint was made about it, nor about the concrete he put in. When the wall was finished, Mr Baile said "alright," and the defendant paid plaintiff \$700. This was about the beginning of July. Having finished the wall, the plaintiff began to fill in the reclamation, which was finished on 3rd September last. Mr Baile and the defendant saw the reclamation. Nothing was said then. He then asked for payment; but the defendant would not pay. He only heard the complaint of the work last month. Mr Danby and Mr Alford had been shown the work.

By the Attorney-General.—He was at the work every day; he had another contract going on at the same time. He and his partner Low Lin Cheong were there every day. He saw Mr Baile and Mr Edwards every day. He was sure they gave him directions as to the work. Mr Baile was there all the time; but Mr Edwards stopped about three months. Mr Baile pointed out some stones on the top of an old sea-wall and said the plaintiff might have some of them. This was before the contract was signed. He received a letter in August last, in which the workmanship of the wall was complained of. Another letter was received in which the plaintiff was informed that Mr R. S. Neate had reported against the wall, and that the plaintiff must therefore re-do the work and be liable for any damage. After the letter of the 19th August Mr Baile ordered the wall to be taken down by three feet, and plaintiff did so. Mr Baile did not say anything about the wall when it had been rebuilt. There was no specification.

Mr Wm. Danby, civil engineer by profession and clerk of works and civil engineer in the Surveyor General's Department, was called. He made a survey of the sea-wall in question and took a measurement of it. He considered the boulders at the bottom of the wall an improvement to it. The rest of this witness' evidence was purely of a technical character, in which arithmetical calculations had been gone into very largely.

In the end the case was adjourned till tomorrow at 10 a.m. During the discussion which ensued on adjournment, the Attorney General said that since the case had gone into this jurisdiction, his client did not object to arbitration, but he did certainly object to a summary trial. The fact of his refusal in the first instance to an arbitration was because they could not agree on an arbitrator.

## THE RUSSO-TURKISH WAR.

The following telegrams are from the Special Correspondents of the London daily papers at the seats of war in European and Asiatic Turkey:—

Cratz, June 8.—The Russians are not active on the Pitschi Railway. I passed three trains of infantry going to Slatina. Every station and bridge was guarded. It is not unpleasant picketing in the fields and woods during this season when the rain keeps off. The troops wear the white cotton uniform lately served out to them; it is unhealthy perhaps, but more elegant than the patched and faded cloth. The heat is terrible.

The line has been relaid here for several hundred yards, owing to the recent landslip. The bridge which gave way whilst a train of soldiers was in it still hangs over the stream. Its solid masonry has sprung from the foundations as it wrenched away by gigantic hands. The river is choked with skeletons of carriages and heaps of iron-work. The trains now pass along a new line over a rough bridge of logs that gives as the engine passes.

But the antique spirit of devotion, wherever it may have failed, survives in the officer class. One saw it in the dash of the eyes, the rap lock of each as he saluted and marched by. I observed a tall and bearded subaltern, who might have hailed from Aberdeen, so exactly did he present that type. The man's eyes perfectly burned with devotion. He saw nothing, neither the crowd nor his own men; but stalked along, haggard with excitement, his whole soul fired upon the brother of the Czar. One beholds an expression like that at revival meetings; painters try to render it in the wild gaze of saint or bigot. The Czar, I imagine, sees it often enough. The Pope sometimes, the Sultan seldom. Perhaps the grand Duke recognised his worshipper, for he cried a greeting quite out of turn. The enthusiast's lips moved, but they uttered no sound. He passed from view, as the ranks succeeded, but when I last saw him the head was turned upwards and

Cairo, June 2.—The departure of the Egyptian contingent has been postponed until the arrival of the Turkish war vessels, and the Egyptian war ships which were originally intended to escort the contingent being entirely unfit to encounter the Russian men-of-war stationed at Suez.

Vienna, June 4.—The truth of the following is vouchsafed, being from an unimpeachable source. The Grand Duke Nicholas recently said to a foreign consul, "Neither Prince Blamarcq nor Lord Derby will prevent the Russian army from entering Constantinople. As the Germans did at Paris, we also shall enter Constantinople, only to leave it again."

Widdin, June 4.—Availing themselves of the immunity they enjoy from any molestation on the part of the Turks, the Roumanians are covering every hill top in and about Kalafat with batteries, and content themselves with such desultory firing on Widdin as I have now several times telegraphed.

Vienne, June 5.—In order to prevent the spread of fever, orders have been given by Russian military authorities to withdraw all the troops from the neighbourhood of the Danube, with the exception of one place opposite to Hirsova; and no crossing of the river will be possible before the end of the present month.

The Porte, as a precaution against the growing war agitation in Greece, has ordered the calling out of the militia reserves in Epirus and Thessaly, and the distribution of arms amongst the population of the frontier districts.

Redif Racha has informed the Egyptian Government, by telegraph, that Turkey will

spare all horses and their accoutrements for the Egyptian cavalry and artillery intended as auxiliaries for Turkey, thus removing all obstacles to a speedy embarkation of the contingent.

Saturday next all the Christian population in Constantinople will be enrolled into Moslem regiments, and a similar measure will be adopted with regard

to Bulgaria.

Alexandria, June 6.—The Government

prohibited the importation of Mr Gladstone's pamphlet on the Eastern Question.

Polyete, June 1.—I was present to-day when the 9th Brigade of the 30th Division, belonging to the 3rd Corps d'Armée, defiled past the house occupied by the Grand Duke here, on their way to the Danube.

A magnificent group stood by the open gates of the garden. Three Circassians

lounged there, types of manly beauty and superb costume.

I have not been paralysed with admiration as yet when observing a number of these warriors, but here and there will be seen a model of human beauty.

Such, as it changed, were the three officers

before the gate, two in blue uniform, silver lace, silver cartridge cases, "the other in drab

and silver. Amongst, but not of them, stood a Montenegrin, tall as themselves, whose wild grey eyes and tawny, curled

moustache contrasted finely with their grand

features and Oriental colour.

He was simply abased with crimson and gold.

Man's imagination never sketched a costume so

gorgeous, and at the same time so natural,

as that of the Montenegrin, and be sure

that the Grand Duke's suite spare no gold

lace nor fantastic embroidery upon crimson silk.

Half a dozen staff officers sat on

horseback under the balcony, where his

Highness had already taken his place.

He easily understands, looking at him, how the

staff and all others, indeed, who come into

contact with the Grand Duke, have grown

to feel an enthusiastic regard for him as

their leader. He looks every inch a prince

amongst his officers, taller than any except

his son.

The Grand Duke's face and manner are simple, kindly, soldierlike in short.

He has a ready laugh and much genial

humour, which are freely indulged without

impairing that dignity which befits Royal

blood. Such is the report of all who come

within his influence, and one does not doubt

it after a single glance at the many, pleasant

faces above them.

The brigade about to pass has marched

some thousand versts, from the north of

Bessarabia. To-day, after five miles

tramping, they have enjoyed a long halt at

the Bulgarian camp of which I have already

written. They come fresh from thence, but

their uniforms are threadbare, even patched;

their boots worn, and they are grey from

head to foot with dust. It is only in

Roumania that one can stand, as I do, in a

puddle whilst one chokes with whirling grit.

Dirty and unkempt the men stride by,

sturdily carrying their heavy knapsacks and

their tents d'abri. The foremost ranks

straighten up and go in a line tolerably

solid, but every eye in the red grimy faces

is raised with curiosity, and as the files

proceed they tumble into formations to

astonish their drill sergeant. It is strange

and impressive to watch the sudden turn of

white eyeballs upward as company after

company becomes aware that the Grand

Duke is looking at them. I fancy the men

had not known that he would be waiting.

As the first rank passed His Highness called,

in a clear, sharp voice—"I greet you, heroes! children!" and the company answered,

"We greet you, Prince!" After this a

staff officer beneath the balcony signalled

for cheers, and I am bound to say that he

signalled without remarkable effect; one-third, if not one-half, of the men neither

responded nor professed to do so, whilst

of the remainder many did no more than

open their dry mouths and keep them wide.

I do not mean to draw conclusions from this; I only state a fact the importance of

which I am not at all capable of weighing.

Of those, all upon the side nearest to

the Grand Duke, who cheered—not very loud

nor long—a great number did so with a

laugh. It may be the Russian mode of

showing affection and

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 16th July. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 3, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, July 5, 1877.

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## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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A GENOLES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

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## JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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## CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Mateships, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposal or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Agents: Hongkong &amp; Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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MELOHERS &amp; CO.,

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POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT &amp; CO., General Agents.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 20th July, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

M. DU POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, July 10, 1877.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

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THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 27th Instant, 1877, at 9 a.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passengers' Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mita Bank S. S. Company will leave Shanghai via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 26th instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

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RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1877.

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Hongkong, January 8, 1875.

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Hongkong, October 14, 1877.

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INSURANCES.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE CO.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE CO., of 20, Old BROAD STREET, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,

WILLIAM HUNT,

Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street,  
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1st January, 1877.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT J. LODGE,

Manager.

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